

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

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Planning Branch 333 Market Street San Francisco, CA 94105-2197

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF GENERAL AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY ANALYSIS

OAKLAND HARBOR NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT (-50 FT) PROJECT ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA

The Port of Oakland and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District are proposing to improve the navigation channels at Oakland Harbor. A Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report/Feasibility Report (EIS/EIR/FS) was completed in May 1998 and was circulated to the public. The report was updated with an Information Report completed in March 1999.

The EIS/EIR/FS recommended plan F10 which includes dredging a total of approximately 12.9 million cubic yards (mcy), with rehandling of 0.4 mcy at the Berth 10 Rehandling Facility prior to reuse of the material on Port property and/or disposal of the material at various landfills, and reuse of 7.0 mcy at the Middle Harbor Enhancement Area, 2.5 mcy at the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Area, and 3.0 mcy at the Montezuma Wetlands Project. The construction activity associated with this plan would commence in the year 2000 and end sometime in 2004.

Appendix J of the EIS/EIR/FS stated that the Corps would complete an Applicability Analysis prior to further action on the project. This Applicability Analysis, prepared in accordance with 40 CFR 93 of the Code of Federal Regulations, fulfills this commitment.

The Applicability Analysis concludes that project emissions would be less than the de minimis thresholds and less than 10 percent ofthe nonattainment/maintenance area's emissions. Therefore, the project would not (1) cause or contribute to any new ambient air quality standard violation, (2) increase the frequency or severity of any existing standard violation, or (3) delay timely attainment of any standard. As a result, a Conformity Determination is not required, and the recommended plan would comply with section 176 (c) of the Clean Air Act and not interfere with provisions in the SIP for the attainment and maintenance of ozone and CO standards. The Corp's District Engineer concurs with these findings.

FURTHER INFORMATION. To request a copy of the Applicability Analysis or to ask any questions, please contact the study manager, Eric Jolliffe, of the San Francisco District Planning Branch, at telephone (415) 977-8543 or mail correspondence to:

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